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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Art Unit: 1634

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 5, 2007, for which a response was due on April 5, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 5, 2007, a Saturday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.